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HEROIC
AUTOBOT
BRING ME THE HEAD OF BUMBLEBEE!

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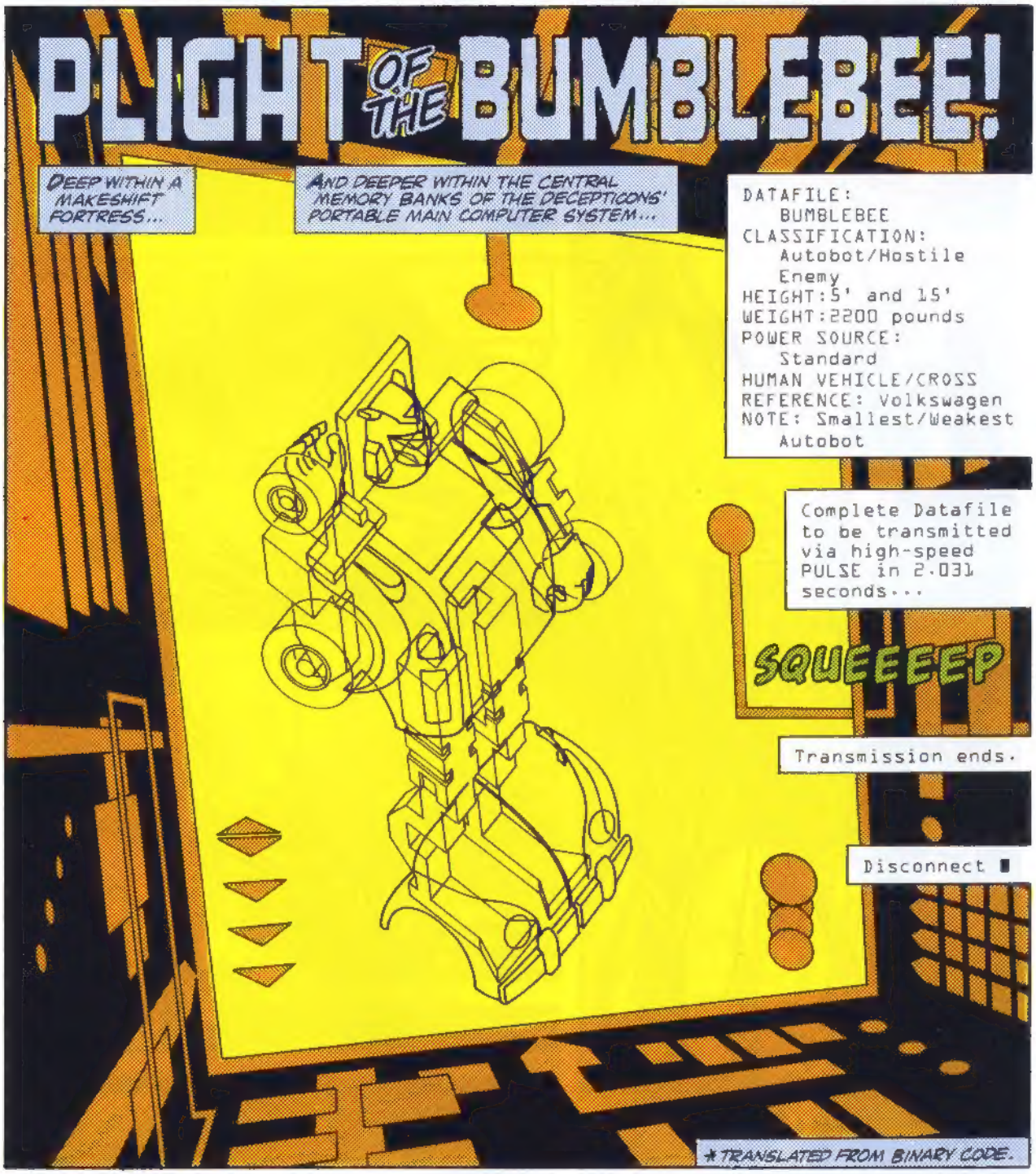


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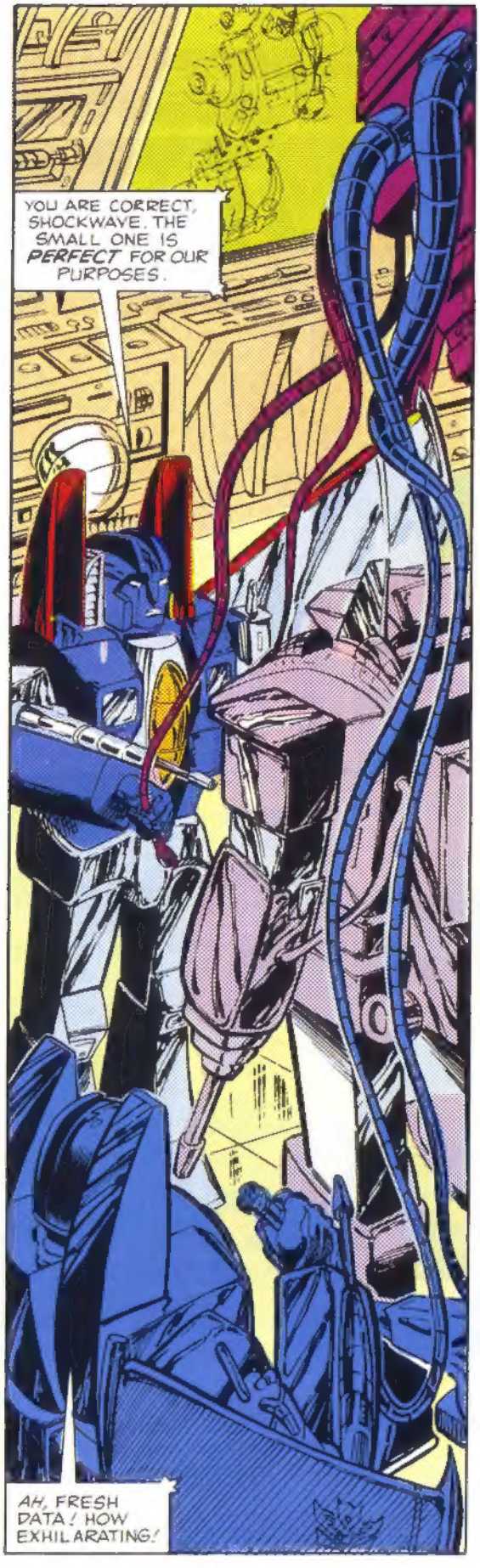
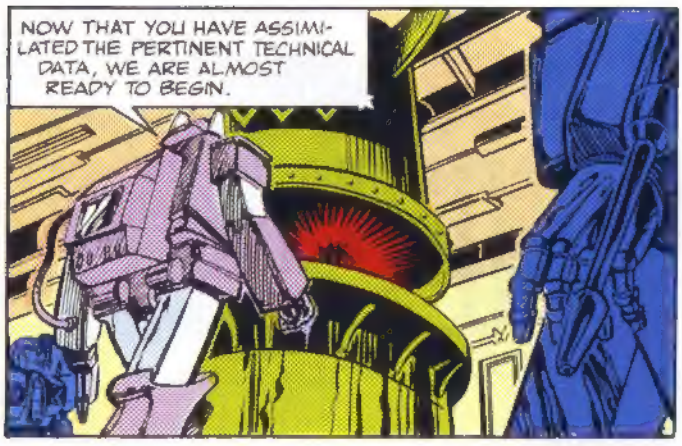
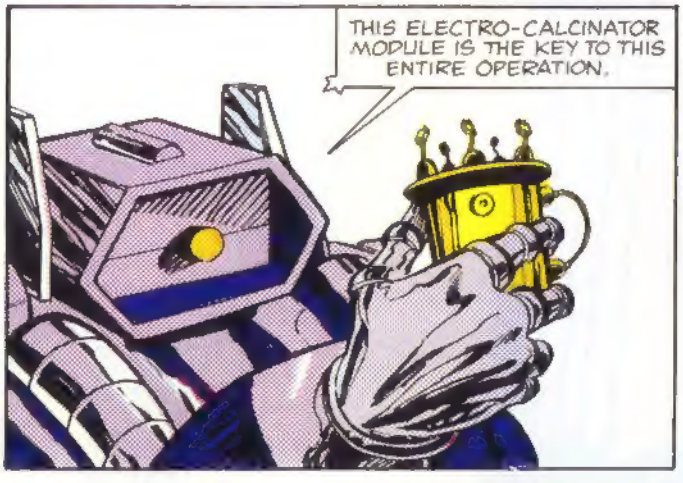
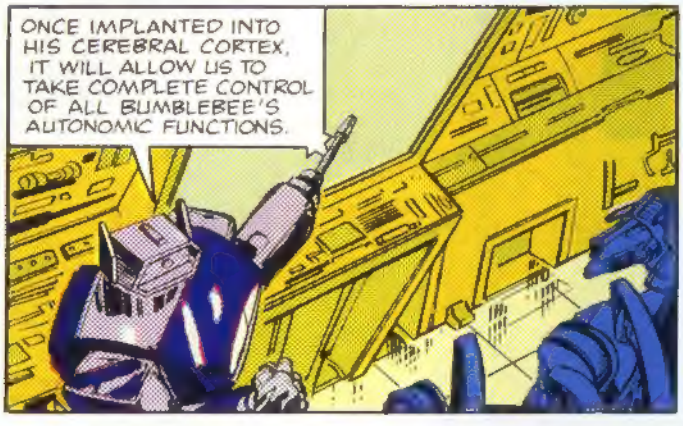
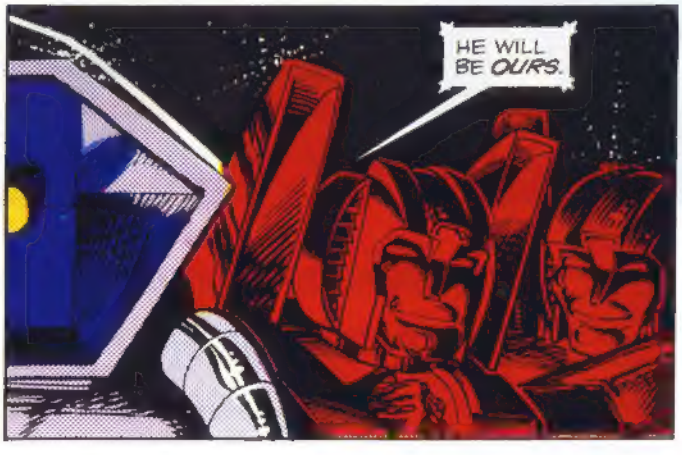
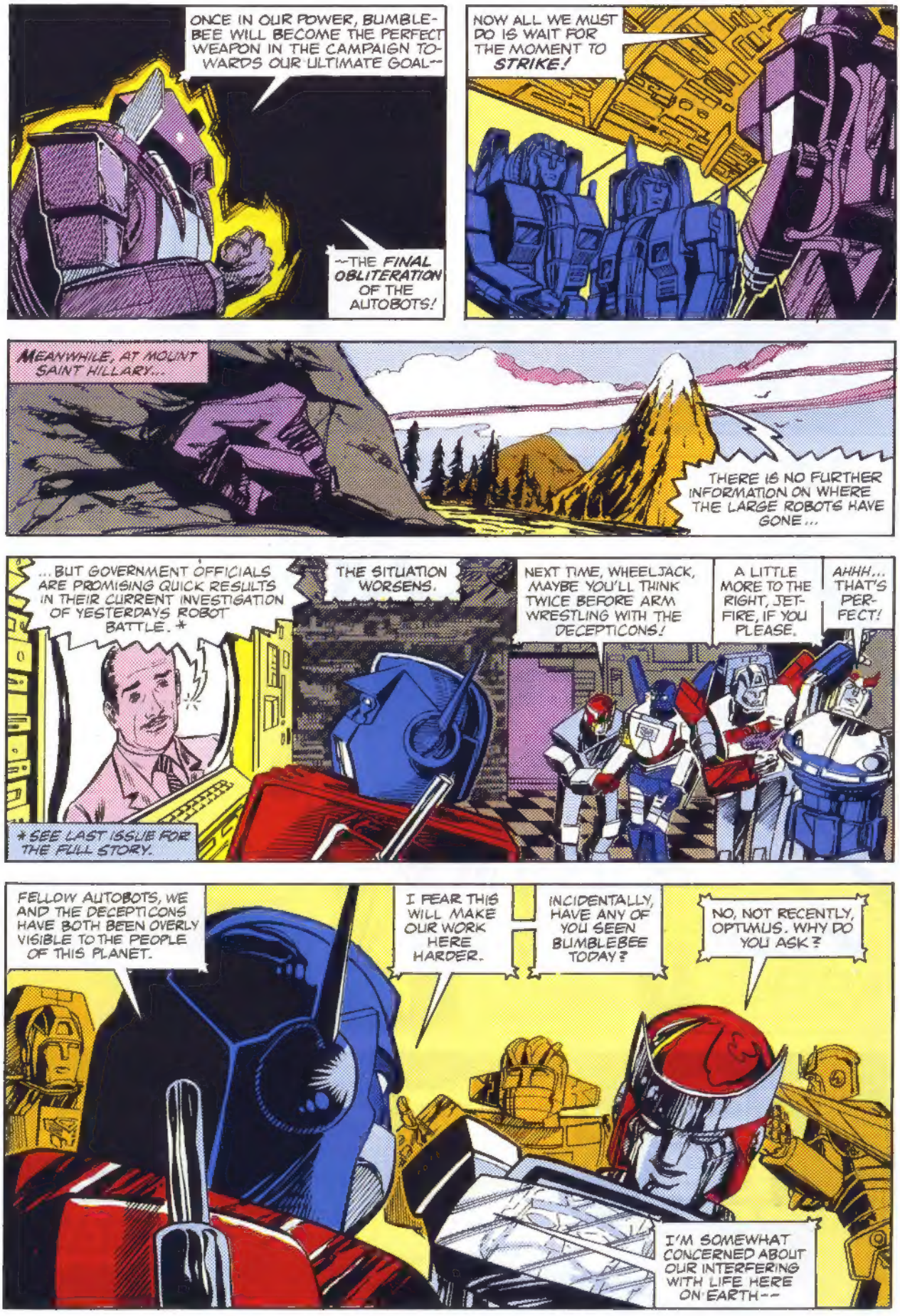

YOU ARE CORRECT, SHOCKWAVE. THE SMALL ONE IS *PERFECT* FOR OUR PURPOSES.
AH, FRESH DATA! HOW EXHILARATING!

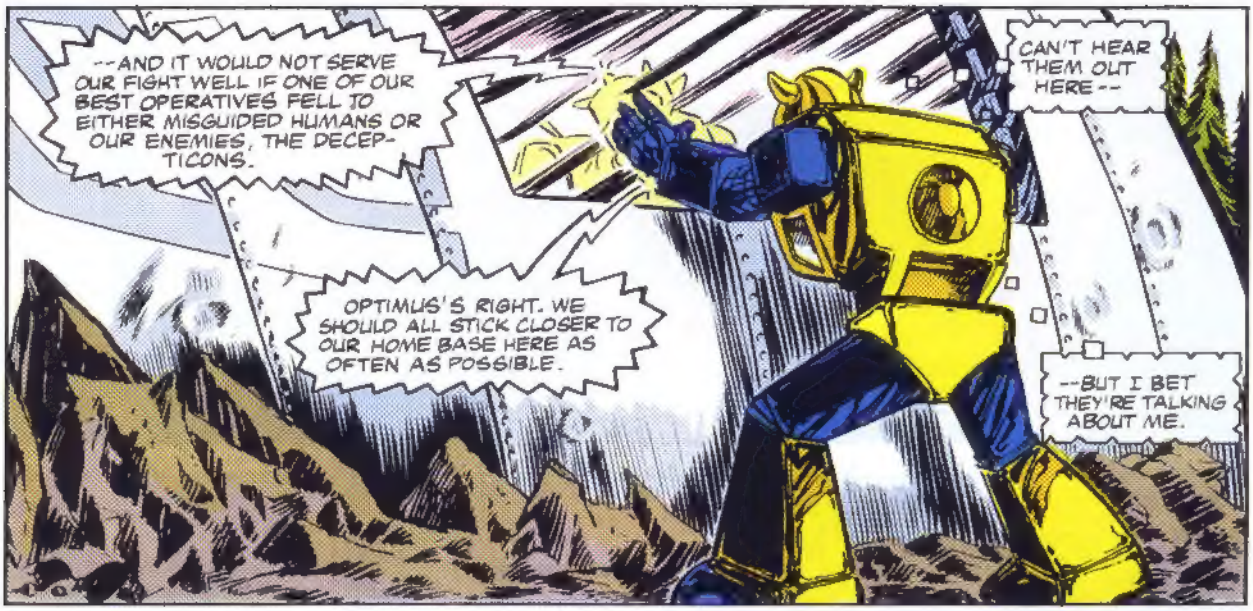

NOW THAT YOU HAVE ASSIMILATED THE PERTINENT TECHNICAL DATA, WE ARE ALMOST READY TO BEGIN.

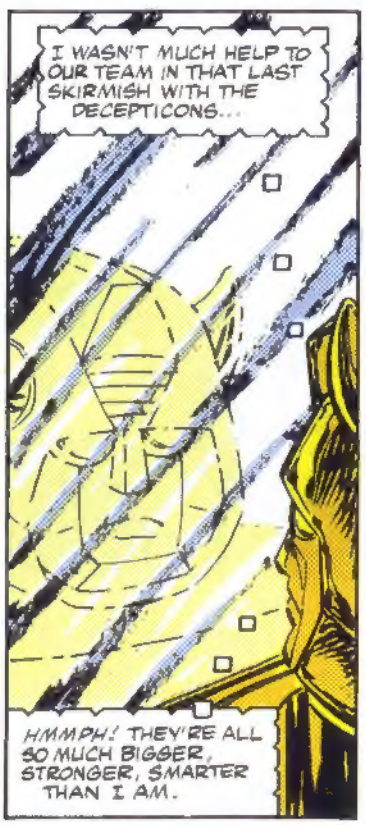

THIS ELECTRO-CALCINATOR MODULE IS THE KEY TO THIS ENTIRE OPERATION.

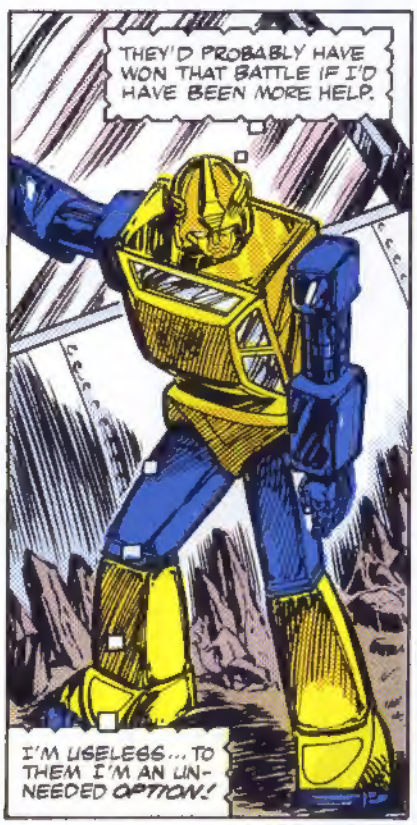

ONCE IMPLANTED INTO HIS CEREBRAL CORTEX, IT WILL ALLOW US TO TAKE COMPLETE CONTROL OF ALL BUMBLEBEE'S AUTONOMIC FUNCTIONS.

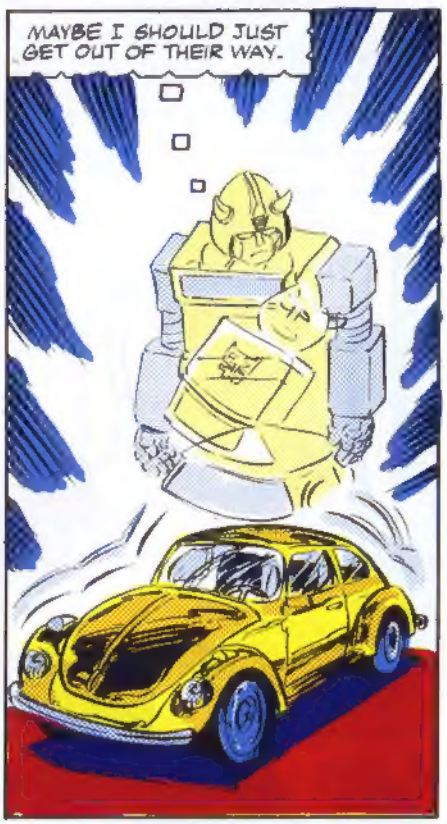

HE WILL BE *OURS*.


ONCE IN OUR POWER, BUMBLEBEE WILL BECOME THE PERFECT WEAPON IN THE CAMPAIGN TOWARDS OUR ULTIMATE GOAL--
--THE FINAL OBLITERATION OF THE AUTOBOTS!
NOW ALL WE MUST DO IS WAIT FOR THE MOMENT TO STRIKE!
MEANWHILE, AT MOUNT SAINT HILLARY...
THERE IS NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHERE THE LARGE ROBOTS HAVE GONE...
...BUT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE PROMISING QUICK RESULTS IN THEIR CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF YESTERDAYS ROBOT BATTLE. *
* SEE LAST ISSUE FOR THE FULL STORY.
THE SITUATION WORSENS.
NEXT TIME, WHEELJACK, MAYBE YOU'LL THINK TWICE BEFORE ARM WRESTLING WITH THE DECEPTICONS!
A LITTLE MORE TO THE RIGHT, JETFIRE, IF YOU PLEASE.
AHHH... THAT'S PERFECT!
FELLOW AUTOBOTS, WE AND THE DECEPTICONS HAVE BOTH BEEN OVERLY VISIBLE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET.
I FEAR THIS WILL MAKE OUR WORK HERE HARDER.
INCIDENTALLY, HAVE ANY OF YOU SEEN BUMBLEBEE TODAY?
NO, NOT RECENTLY, OPTIMUS. WHY DO YOU ASK?
I'M SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT OUR INTERFERING WITH LIFE HERE ON EARTH--


--AND IT WOULD NOT SERVE OUR FIGHT WELL IF ONE OF OUR BEST OPERATIVES FELL TO EITHER MISGUIDED HUMANS OR OUR ENEMIES, THE DECEPTICONS.
OPTIMUS'S RIGHT. WE SHOULD ALL STICK CLOSER TO OUR HOME BASE HERE AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE.
CAN'T HEAR THEM OUT HERE--
--BUT I BET THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT ME.

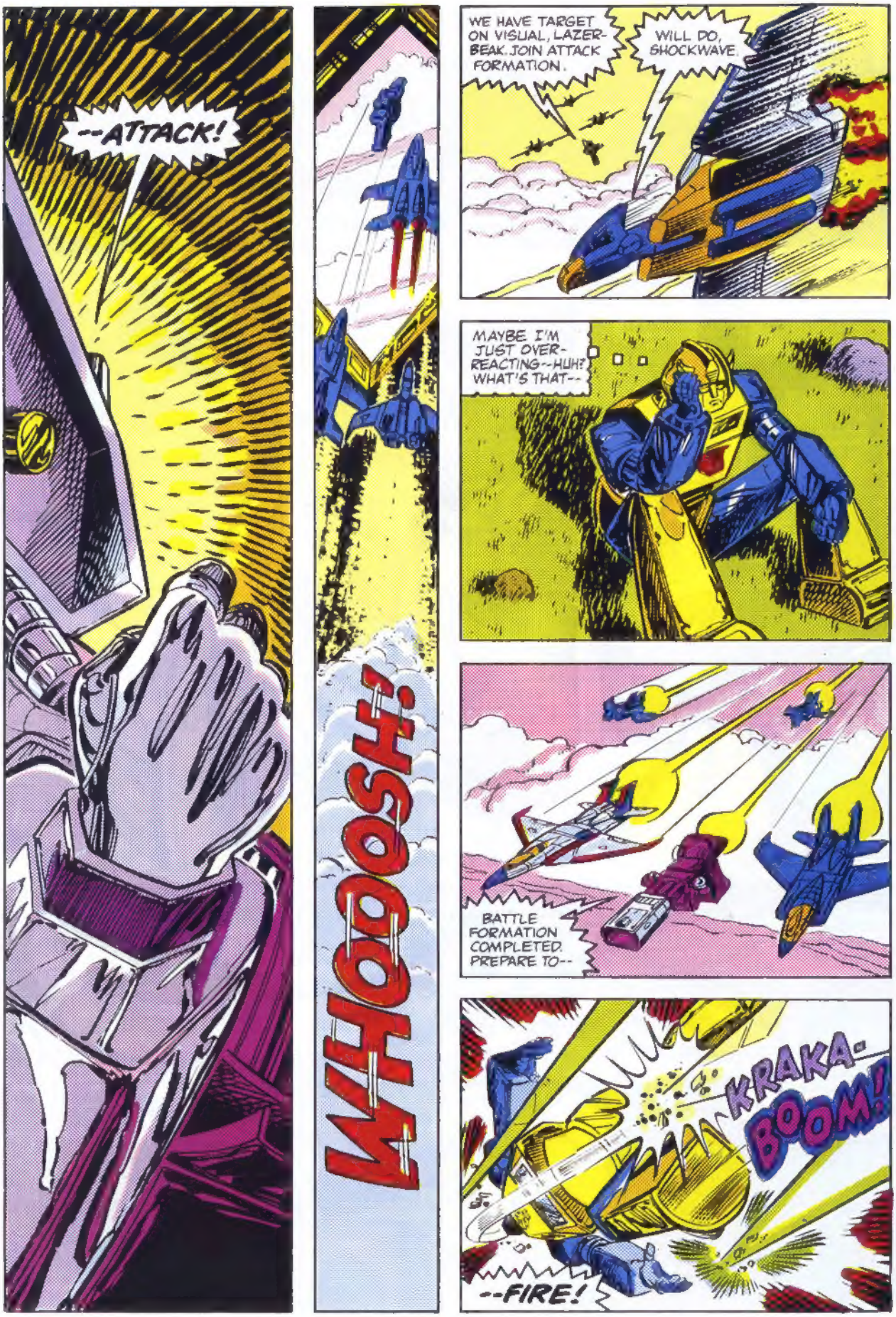

I WASN'T MUCH HELP TO OUR TEAM IN THAT LAST SKIRMISH WITH THE DECEPTICONS...
HMMPH! THEY'RE ALL SO MUCH BIGGER, STRONGER, SMARTER THAN I AM.

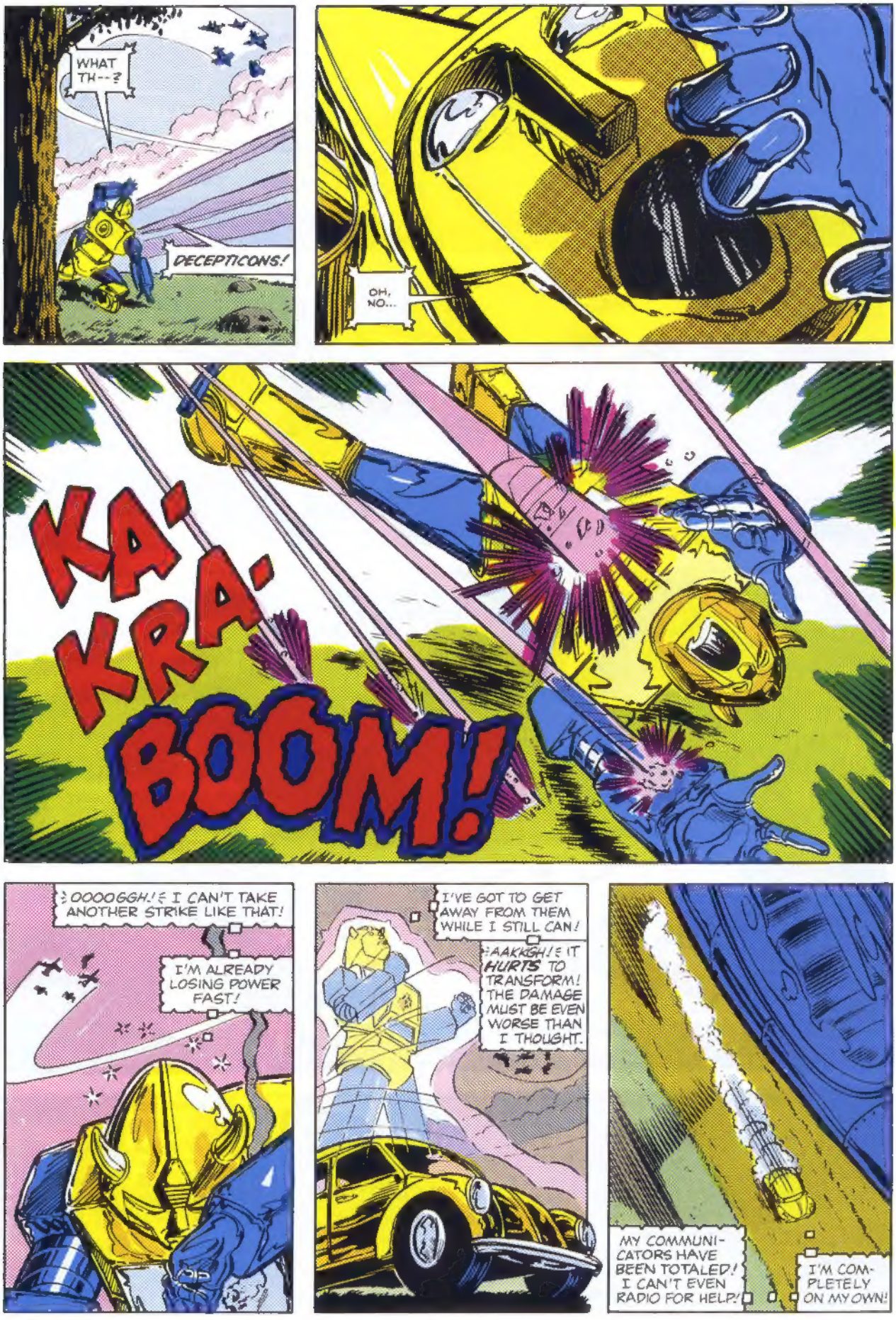

THEY'D PROBABLY HAVE WON THAT BATTLE IF I'D HAVE BEEN MORE HELP.
I'M USELESS... TO THEM I'M AN UNNEEDED OPTION!

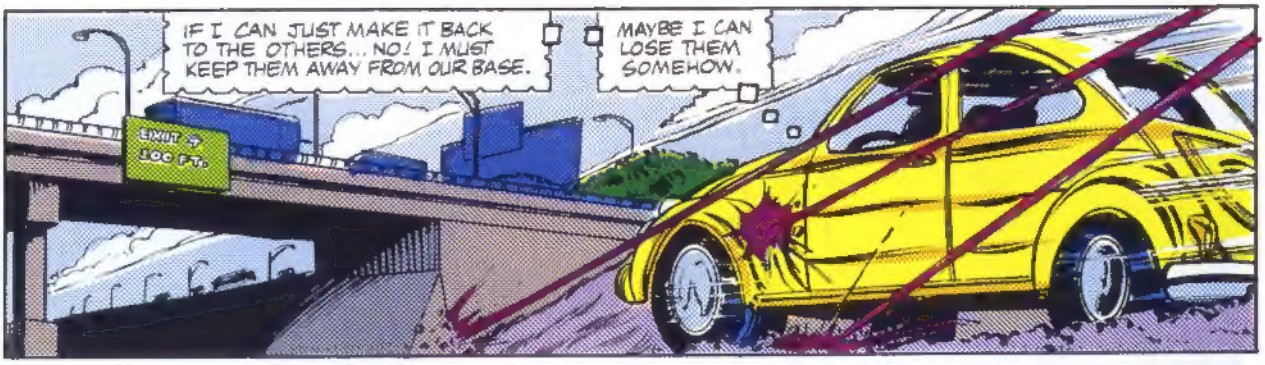

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GET OUT OF THEIR WAY.

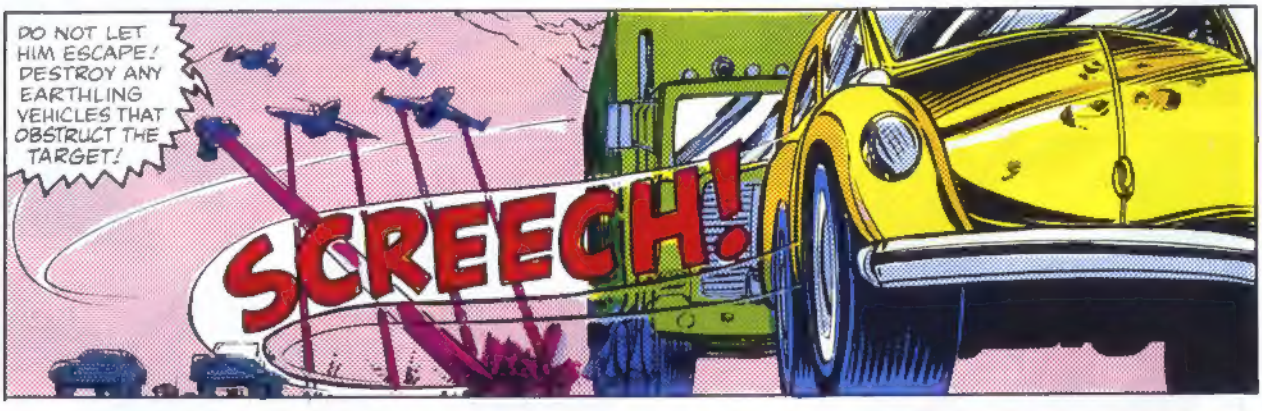
MOUNT ST. HILLARY 2 MILES
I BET THEY HAVEN'T EVEN NOTICED I'M GONE.
MAYBE MY FATE IS NOT WITH THE AUTOBOTS--
--MAYBE I SHOULD TRY THIS ON MY OWN FOR AWHILE.

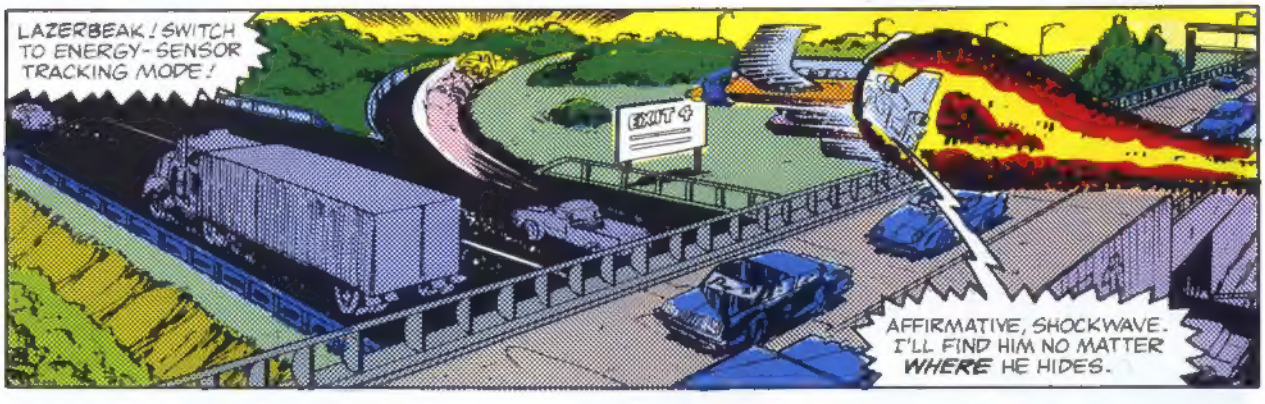
SOON, OUTSIDE OF TOWN...
HUMANS ARE SO LUCKY.
THEY'RE WEAK... THEY ALWAYS NEED EACH OTHER TO GET ALONG.
I WISH I WAS A HUMAN.
THEN MAYBE SOMEONE WOULD NEED ME.
SKRAAK! LAZERBEAK TO SHOCKWAVE, ARE YOU RECEIVING?
AFFIRMATIVE, LAZERBEAK. PROCEED.
TARGET SIGHTED--NO OTHER AUTOBOTS WITHIN SENSOR RANGE. COORDINATES AS FOLLOWS...
BEARING 770, VECTOR 691, 359 STROKE 03.
EXCELLENT. THIS IS THE MOMENT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
DECEPTICONS~

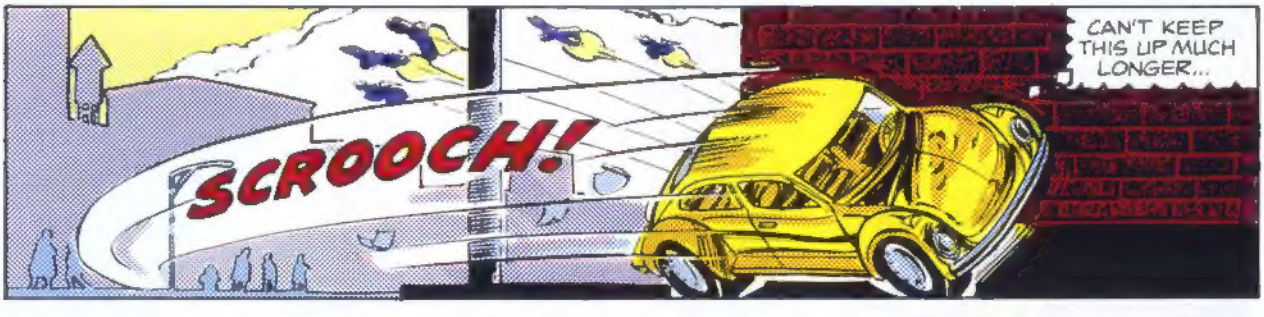

--ATTACK!
WHOOSH!
WE HAVE TARGET ON VISUAL, LAZER-BEAK. JOIN ATTACK FORMATION.
WILL DO, SHOCKWAVE.
MAYBE I'M JUST OVER-REACTING--HUH? WHAT'S THAT--
BATTLE FORMATION COMPLETED. PREPARE TO--
KRAKA-BOOM!
--FIRE!

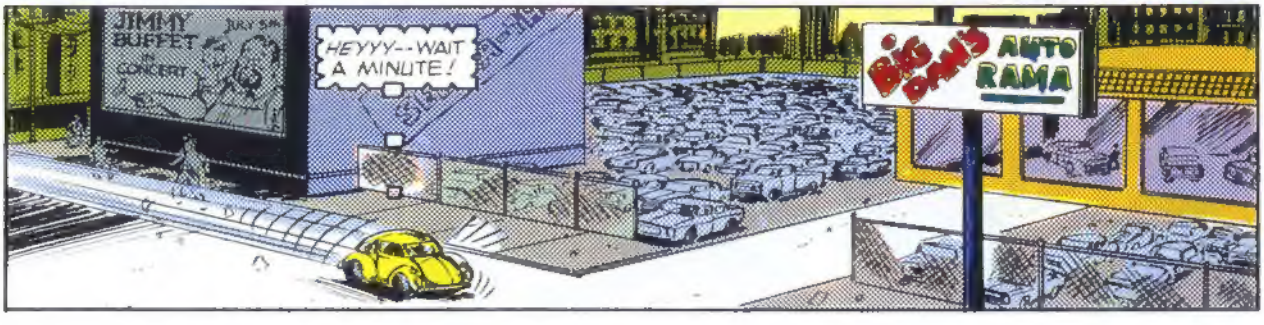

WHAT TH--?
DECEPTICONS!
OH, NO...
KA-KRA-BOOM!
:OOOOGGH!: I CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER STRIKE LIKE THAT!
I'M ALREADY LOSING POWER FAST!
I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM THEM WHILE I STILL CAN!
:AAKKGH!: IT HURTS TO TRANSFORM! THE DAMAGE MUST BE EVEN WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.
MY COMMUNICATORS HAVE BEEN TOTALED! I CAN'T EVEN RADIO FOR HELP!
I'M COMPLETELY ON MY OWN!

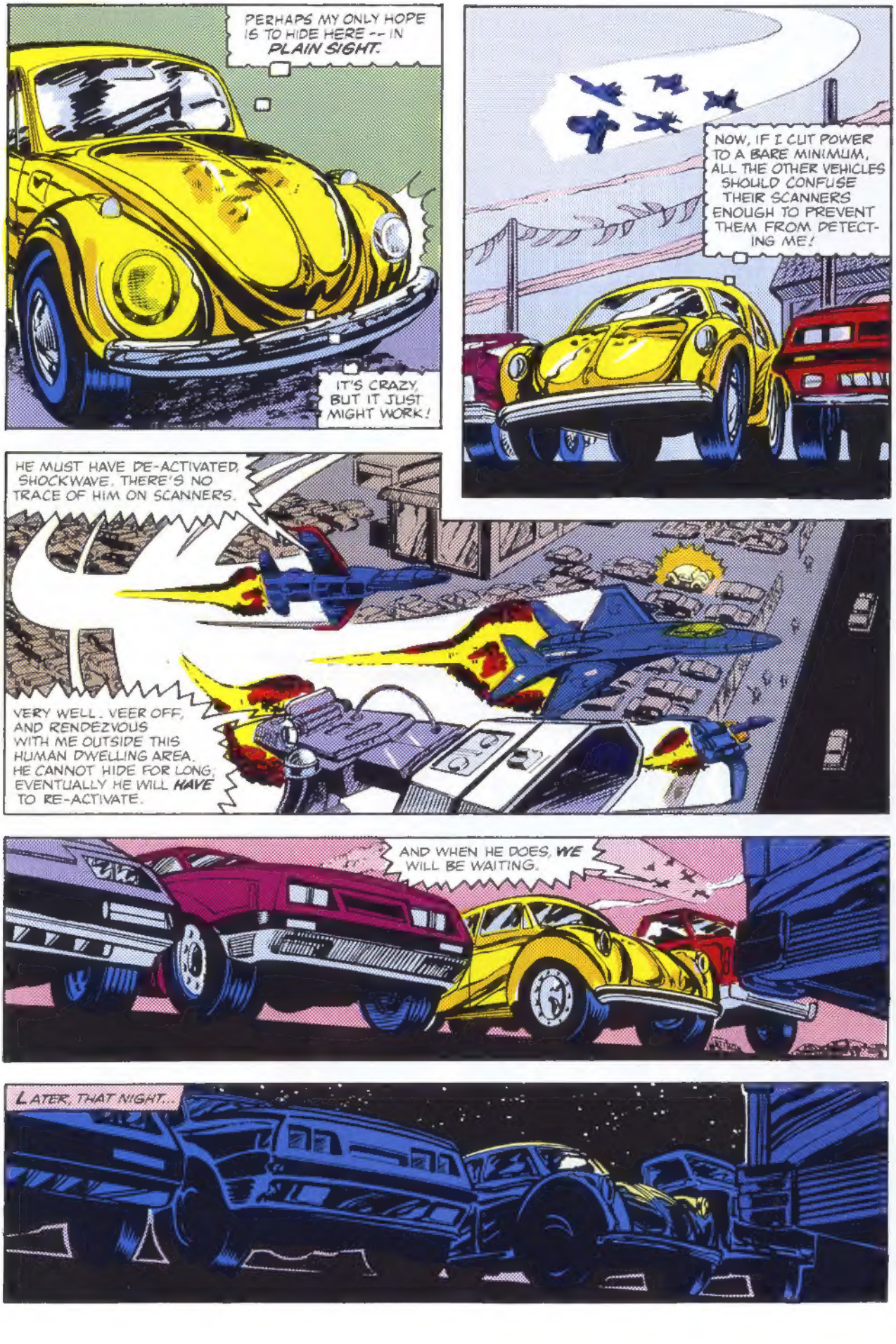

IF I CAN JUST MAKE IT BACK TO THE OTHERS... NO! I MUST KEEP THEM AWAY FROM OUR BASE.
MAYBE I CAN LOSE THEM SOMEHOW.
EXIT 4
LOC P.T.


DO NOT LET HIM ESCAPE! DESTROY ANY EARTHLING VEHICLES THAT OBSTRUCT THE TARGET!
SCREECH!

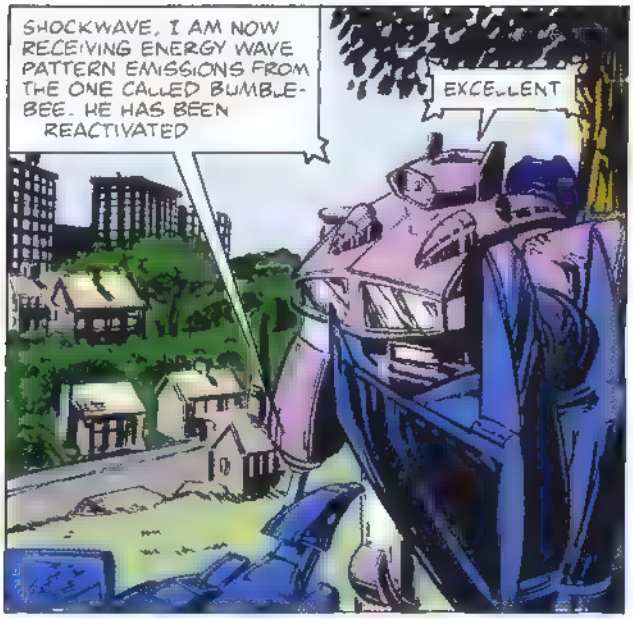

LAZERBEAK! SWITCH TO ENERGY-SENSOR TRACKING MODE!
EXIT 4
AFFIRMATIVE, SHOCKWAVE. I'LL FIND HIM NO MATTER WHERE HE HIDES.


SCROOCH!
CAN'T KEEP THIS UP MUCH LONGER...

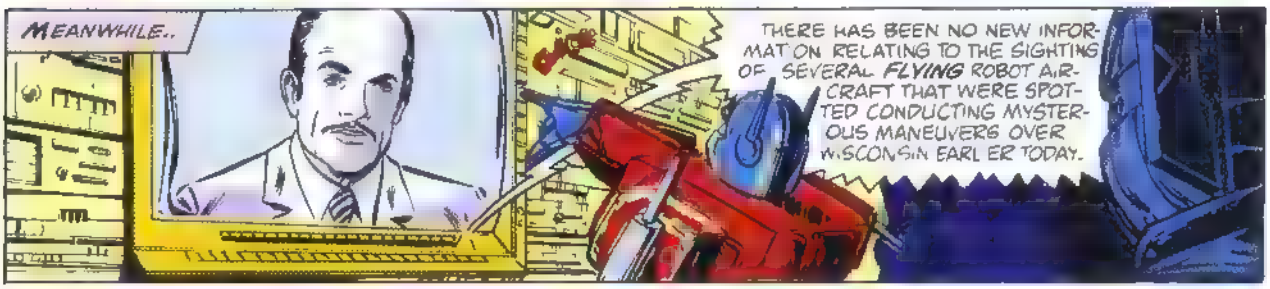

JIMMY BUFFET
JULY 5th
CONCERT
HEYYY--WAIT A MINUTE!
BIG DAN'S AUTO RAMA

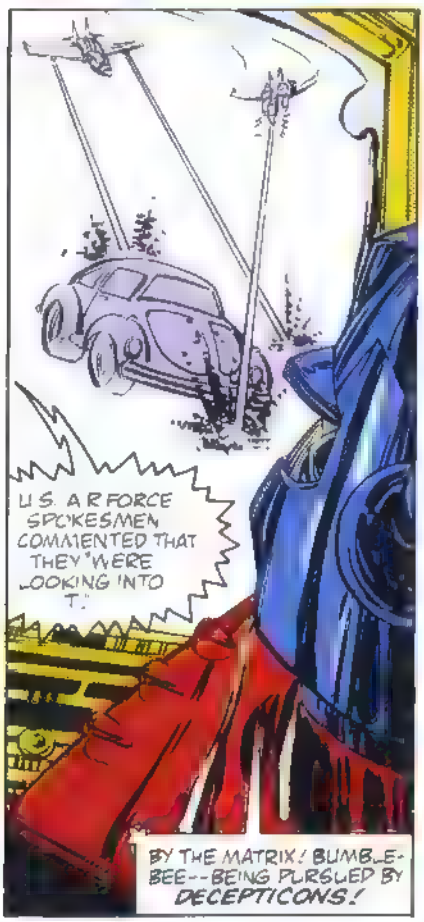

PERHAPS MY ONLY HOPE IS TO HIDE HERE -- IN PLAIN SIGHT.
IT'S CRAZY, BUT IT JUST MIGHT WORK!
NOW, IF I CUT POWER TO A BARE MINIMUM, ALL THE OTHER VEHICLES SHOULD CONFUSE THEIR SCANNERS ENOUGH TO PREVENT THEM FROM DETECTING ME!
HE MUST HAVE DE-ACTIVATED, SHOCKWAVE. THERE'S NO TRACE OF HIM ON SCANNERS.
VERY WELL. VEER OFF, AND RENDEZVOUS WITH ME OUTSIDE THIS HUMAN DWELLING AREA. HE CANNOT HIDE FOR LONG, EVENTUALLY HE WILL HAVE TO RE-ACTIVATE.
AND WHEN HE DOES, WE WILL BE WAITING.
LATER, THAT NIGHT...

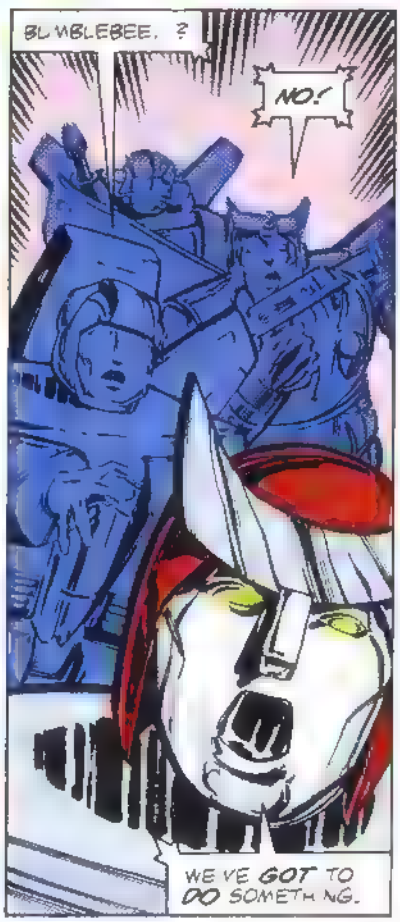
GLAT GLAT
HEY, KEEP IT DOWN, WILLYA?
GLAT GLAT
I'M TRYIN', I'M TRYIN', OKAY?
C'MON, I DON'T WANNA GET CAUGHT AROUND HERE!
A VOLKSWAGEN?! YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!
NOBODY'LL CARE IF WE TAKE A VOLKSWAGEN.
HEY, CHILL OUT, MAN. IT'S OKAY WITH ME. I DON'T CARE WHAT WE'RE DRIVIN'--
--AS LONG AS WE CRUISE!
YOUR PROBLEM, DOBBS, IS THAT YOU AIN'T GOT NO RESPECT FOR A CLASSIC VEHICLE! HAND ME THE SCREWDRIVER, WILLYA?
WHA-- WHAZZAT?
HUMANS! AND THEY'RE OVERRIDING MY PRIMARY MOTOR FUNCTIONS!
DAMAGE IS EXTENSIVE! MY COMMUNICATORS ARE STILL DOWN-- AND I CAN'T TRANSFORM!
NOW THE DECEPTICONS'LL BE ABLE TO SPOT ME AGAIN! BETTER RUN--
PIT-KOOOOM
--THOUGH I CAN'T WARN THE HUMANS OF THE DANGER!
WA--HOOO!! WE'RE ON THE ROAD!

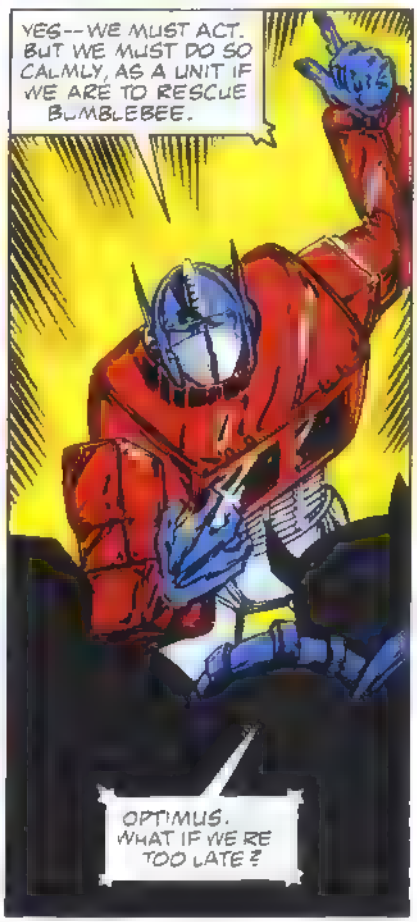

SHOCKWAVE, I AM NOW RECEIVING ENERGY WAVE PATTERN EMISSIONS FROM THE ONE CALLED BUMBLEBEE. HE HAS BEEN REACTIVATED
EXCELLENT

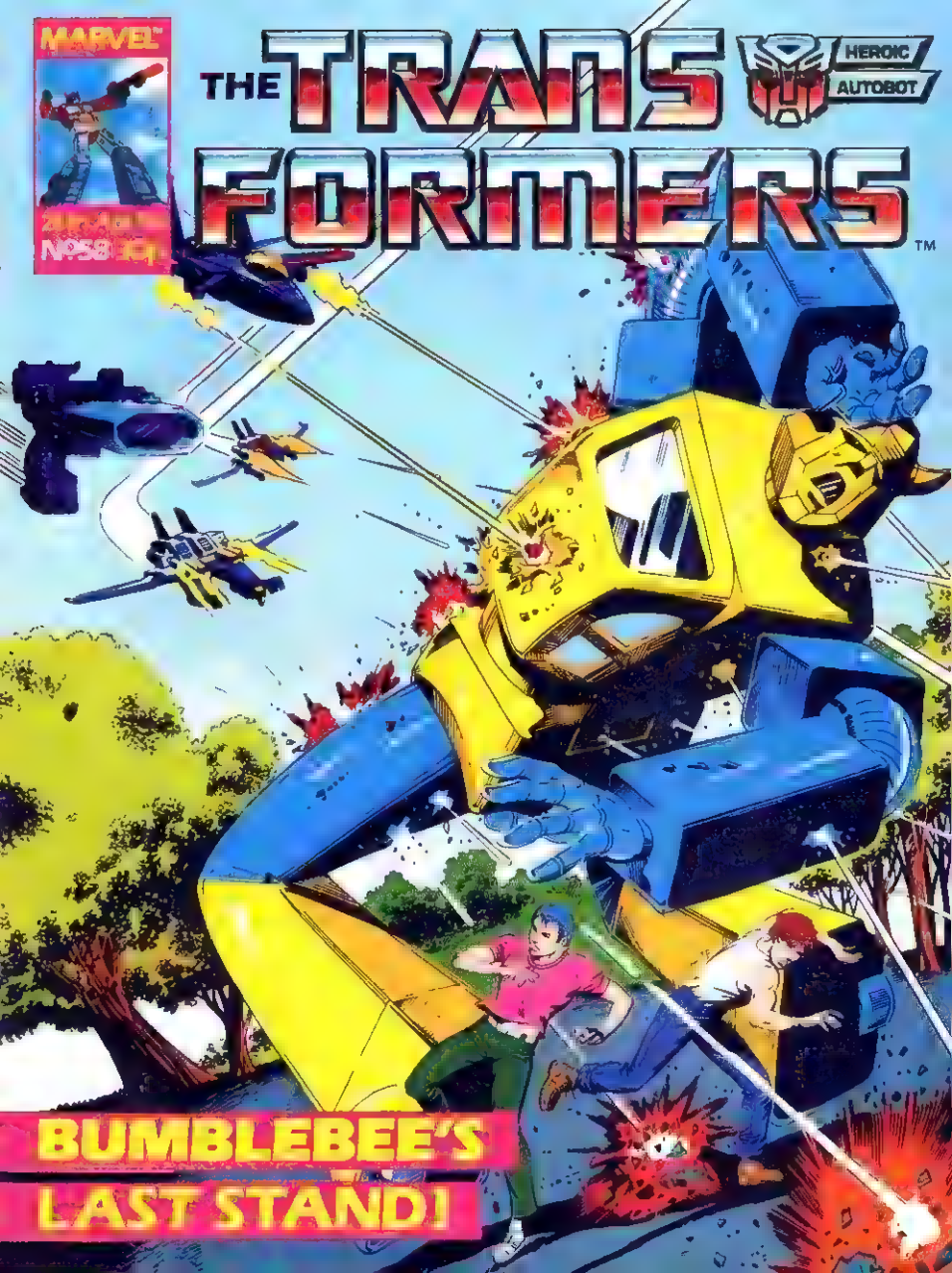
HE WILL NOT ESCAPE US A SECOND TIME!


MEANWHILE..
THERE HAS BEEN NO NEW INFORMATION RELATING TO THE SIGHTINGS OF SEVERAL FLYING ROBOT AIRCRAFT THAT WERE SPOTTED CONDUCTING MYSTERIOUS MANEUVERS OVER WISCONSIN EARLIER TODAY.


U.S. AIR FORCE SPOKESMEN COMMENTED THAT THEY WERE LOOKING INTO IT.
BY THE MATRIX! BUMBLEBEE--BEING PURSUED BY DECEPTICONS!


BUMBLEBEE. ?
NO!
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING.


YES--WE MUST ACT. BUT WE MUST DO SO CALMLY, AS A UNIT IF WE ARE TO RESCUE BUMBLEBEE.
OPTIMUS. WHAT IF WE'RE TOO LATE?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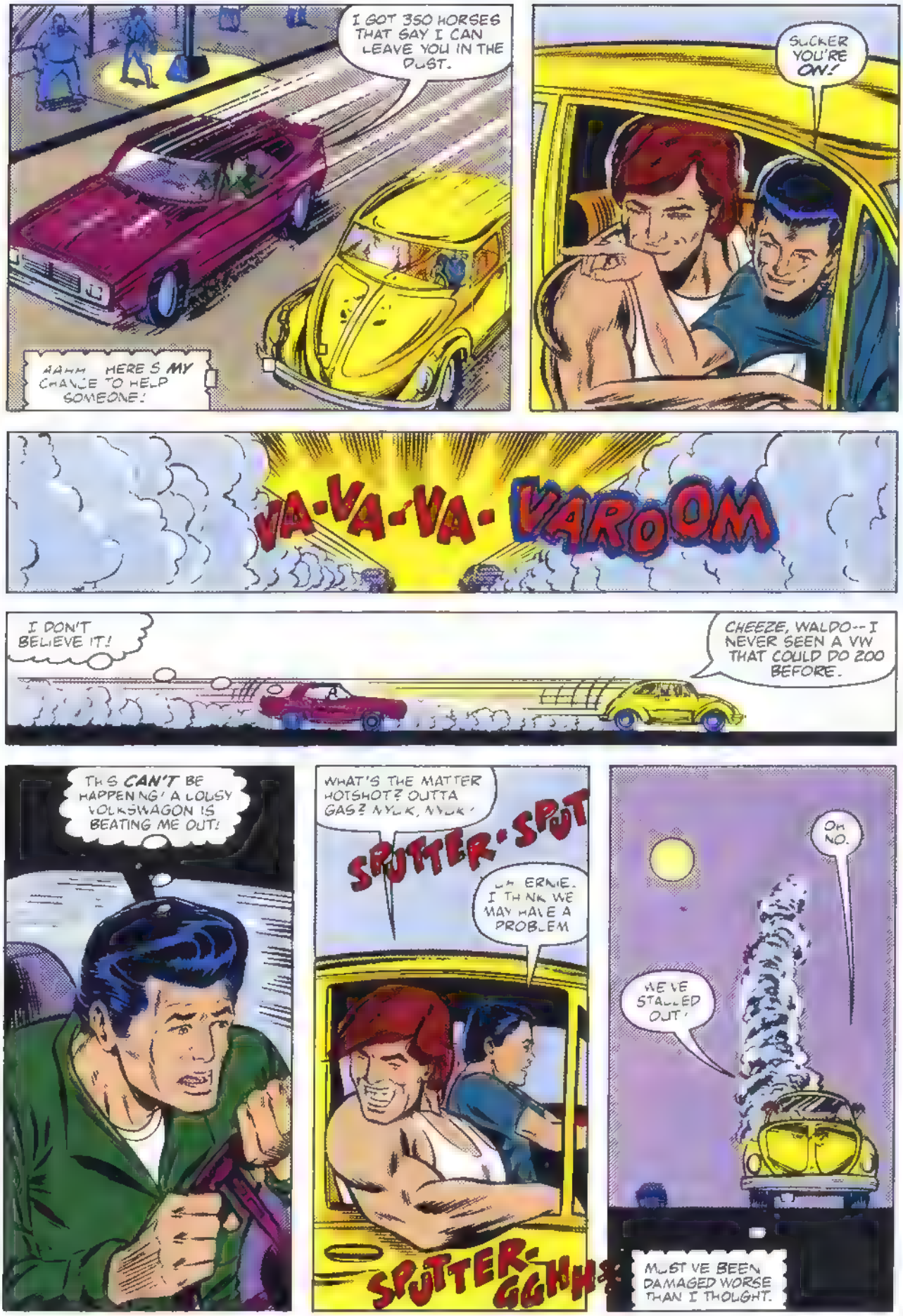
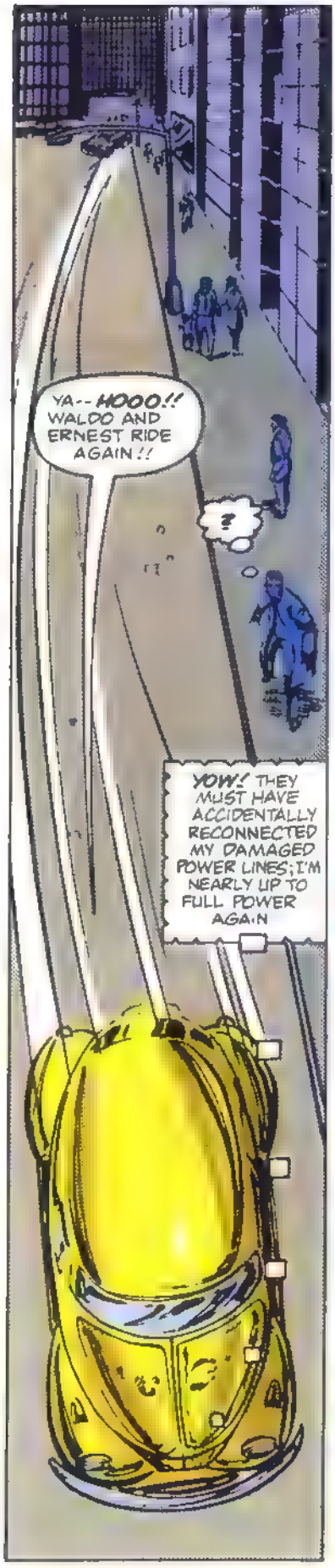
HEROIC AUTOBOT
BUMBLEBEE'S LAST STAND!

THAT IS A RESULT
I WILL NOT ACCEPT!
AUTOBOTS TRANSFORM! THEN -
-ROLL OUT! EACH OF US WILL COVER A DIFFERENT SECTOR. REMEMBER TO BE ALERT TO ANY UNUSUAL
AND LOOK OUT FOR ANY VIOLENT DISTURBANCES!"
THOSE GUYS MUST BE NUTS
EEE HAA!!
YAHAHAHAHA!
SLURP
OH DEAR
HONEY LOOK OUT
THINK YOU'RE HOT STUFF HUH?
YEAH WHAT'S IT TO YOU MAN?


I GOT 350 HORSES THAT SAY I CAN LEAVE YOU IN THE DUST.
AAHH HERE'S MY CHANCE TO HELP SOMEONE!
SUCKER YOU'RE ON!
VA-VA-VA-VAROOM
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
CHEEZE, WALDO--I NEVER SEEN A VW THAT COULD DO 200 BEFORE.
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! A LOUSY VOLKSWAGON IS BEATING ME OUT!
WHAT'S THE MATTER HOTSHOT? OUTTA GAS? NYUK, NYUK!
SPUTTER-SPUT
UH ERNIE. I THINK WE MAY HAVE A PROBLEM
SPUTTER-GGHH
OH NO.
WE'VE STALLED OUT!
MUST'VE BEEN DAMAGED WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.

OH, YEAH? YOU JERKY LOUSY, STINKIN' CRUMBSUCKER!
AN' THE HORSE YOU RODE IN ON!
AW, NUTS!
OH, WELL!
LET'S CHECK 'ER ENGINE!
S'FUNNY THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY ENGINE I'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE
WELL, CAN YA FIX IT?
OF COURSE I CAN FIX IT! I CAN FIX ANYTHING!
I THINK.
WELL, WELL... WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
LESSEE, THE DOOHICKEY IS CONNECTED TO THE FRAMISTAT, WHICH IS PLUGGED INTO THE THINGAMABOB
WHICH GOES TO THE WHATCHAMACALLIT!
I'M NOT SURE WHAT I JUST DID-- BUT I THINK I DID SOMETHING RIGHT.
AHH, YES!


YA--HOOO!! WALDO AND ERNEST RIDE AGAIN!!
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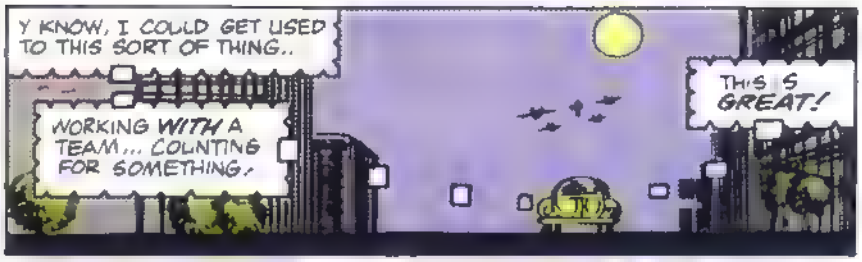
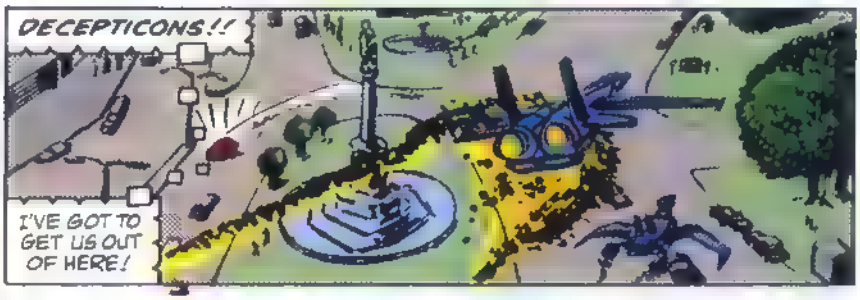
YOW! THEY MUST HAVE ACCIDENTALLY RECONNECTED MY DAMAGED POWER LINES; I'M NEARLY UP TO FULL POWER AGAIN

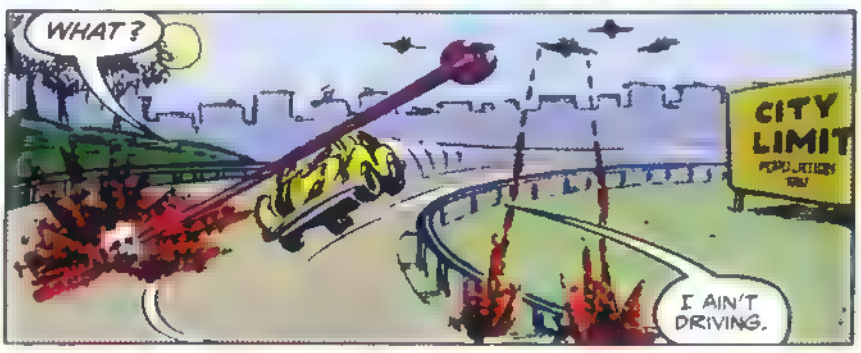

Y KNOW, I COULD GET USED TO THIS SORT OF THING..
WORKING WITH A TEAM... COUNTING FOR SOMETHING.
THIS IS GREAT!

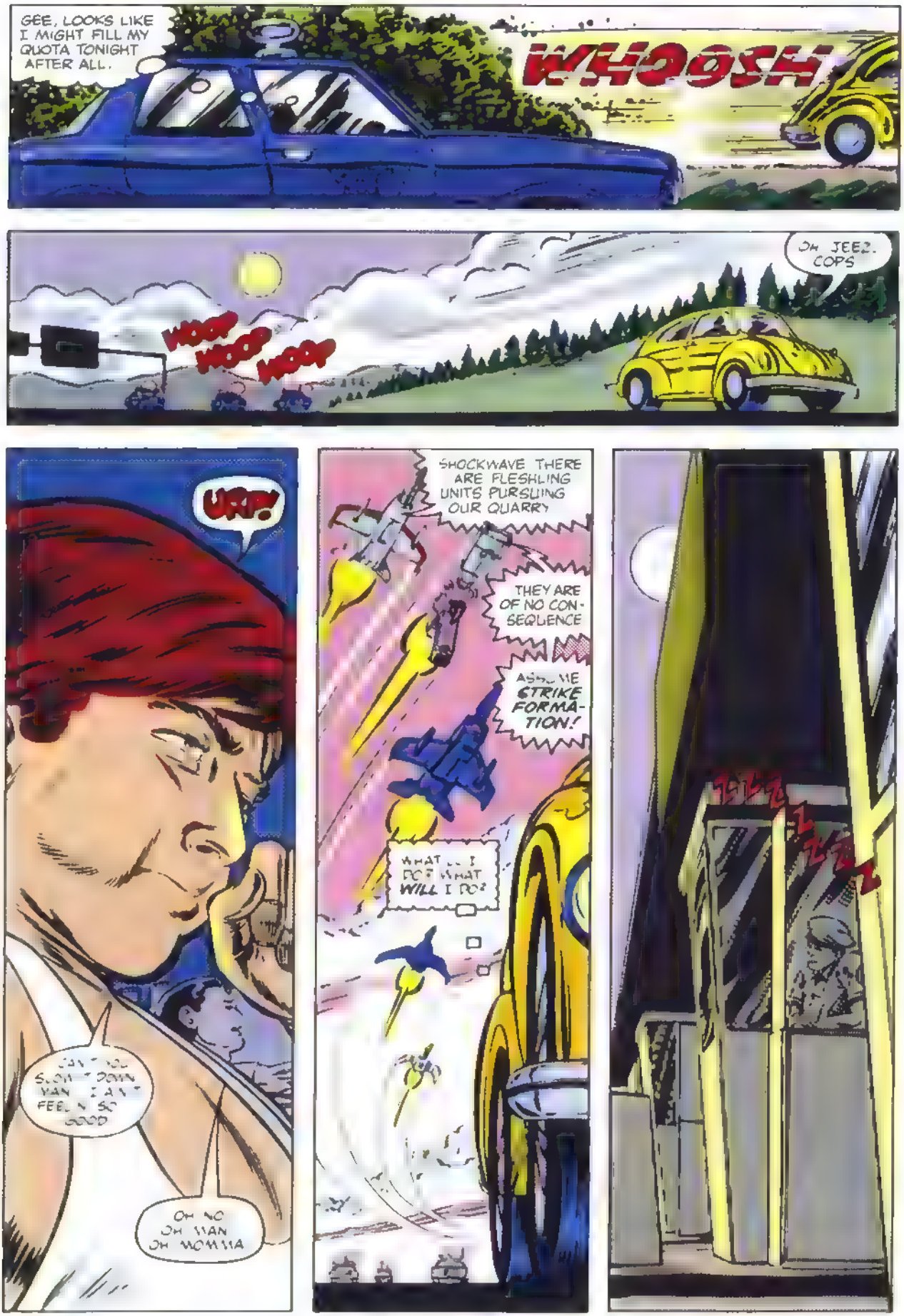
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GIVE IT ALL UP AND STAY THIS WAY, WITH MY NEW HUMAN FRIENDS.
HUH?
OH, NO!

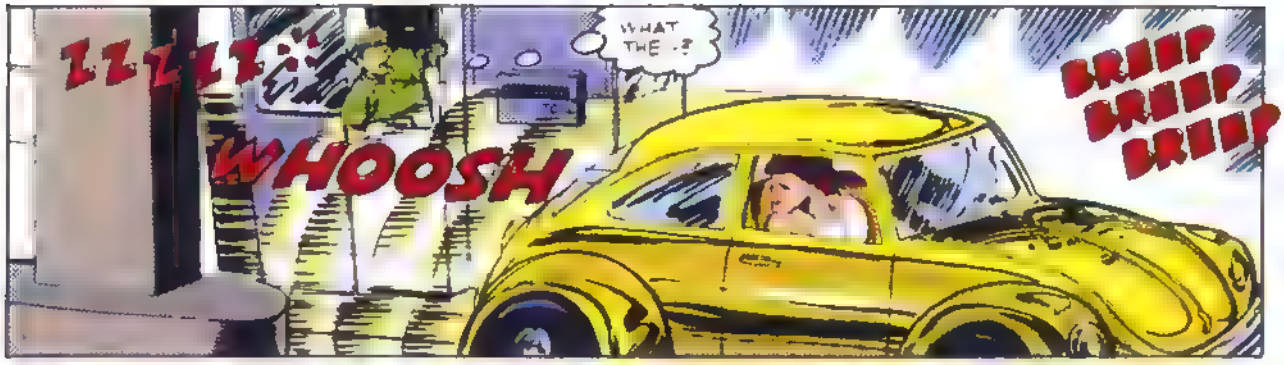

DECEPTICONS!!
I'VE GOT TO GET US OUT OF HERE!

I CAN'T LET THEM HURT MY NEW FRIENDS!
WHAT TH--?!
WALDO! THE FLAMIN' AIR FORCE IS AFTER US!
WHAT? FOR PINCHIN' A LOUSY VOLKSWAGON?!

I DUNNO! JUST DRIVE! GET US OUTTA HERE!
ERNEST, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BREAK THIS TO YOU, BUT..


WHAT?
CITY LIMIT
I AIN'T DRIVING.


GEE, LOOKS LIKE I MIGHT FILL MY QUOTA TONIGHT AFTER ALL.
WHOOSH
OH JEEZ. COPS
WOOP WOOP WOOP
URP!
SHOCKWAVE THERE ARE FLESHLING UNITS PURSUING OUR QUARRY
THEY ARE OF NO CONSEQUENCE
ASSUME STRIKE FORMATION!
WHAT... I DO? WHAT WILL I DO?
OH NO OH MAN OH MOMMA


IZZZZZ
WHOOSH
WHAT THE..?
BREEP BREEP BREEP

HOW...
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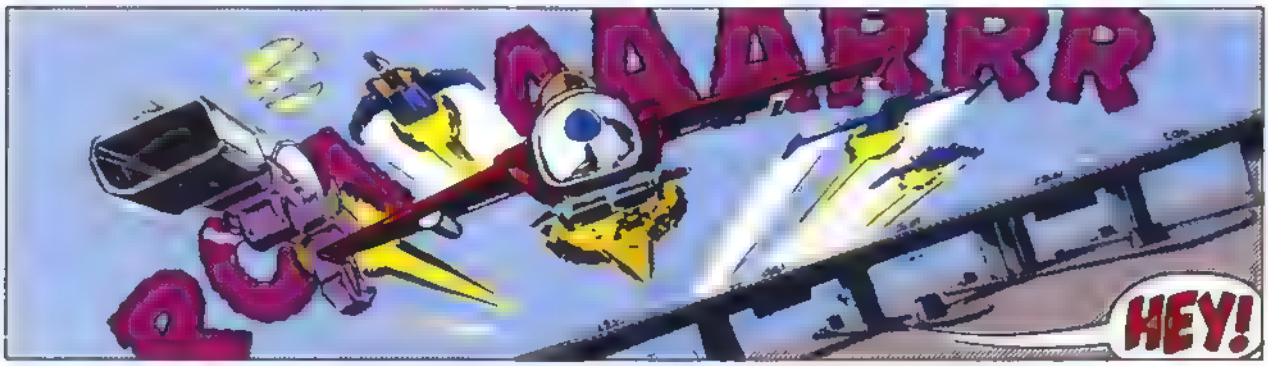
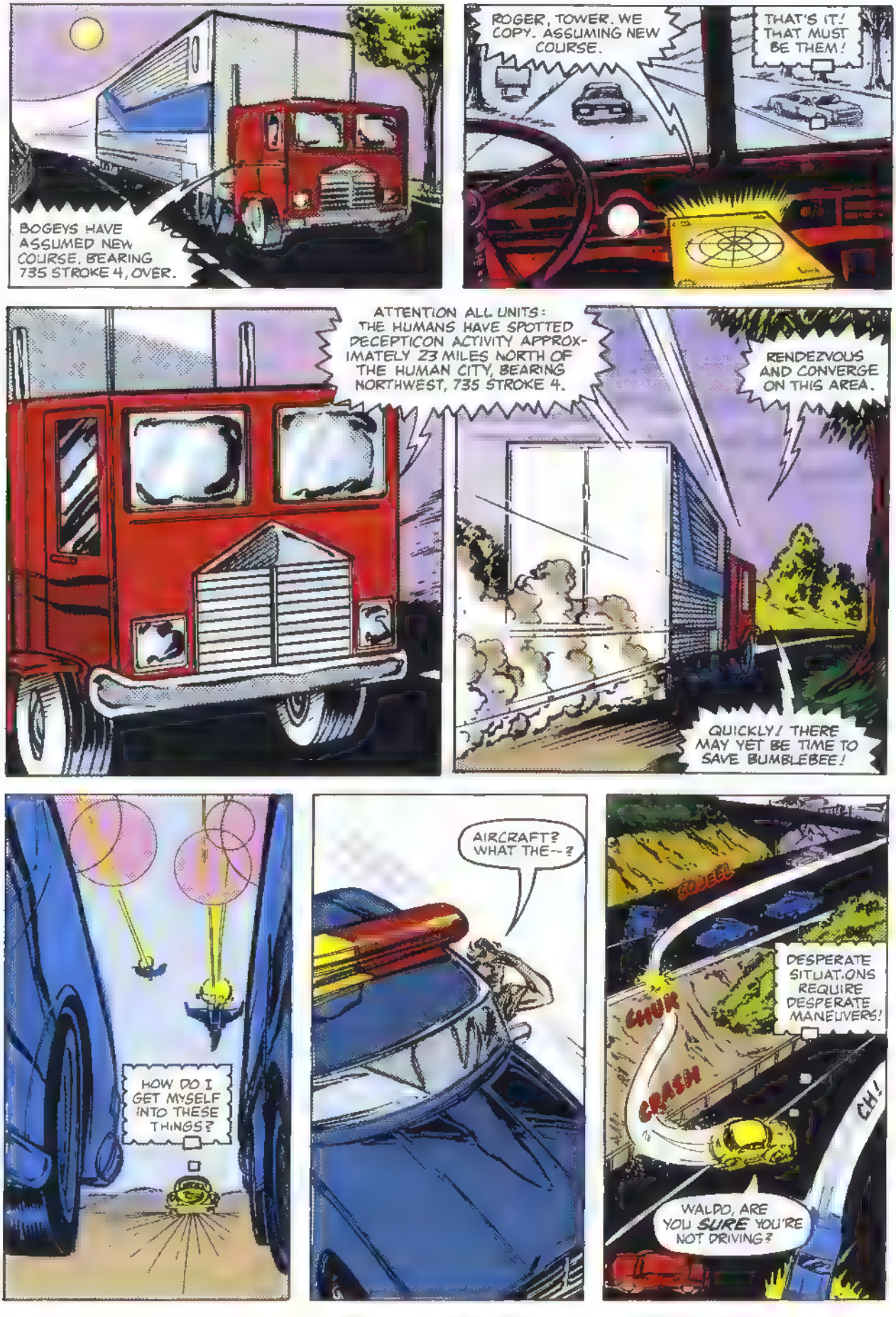
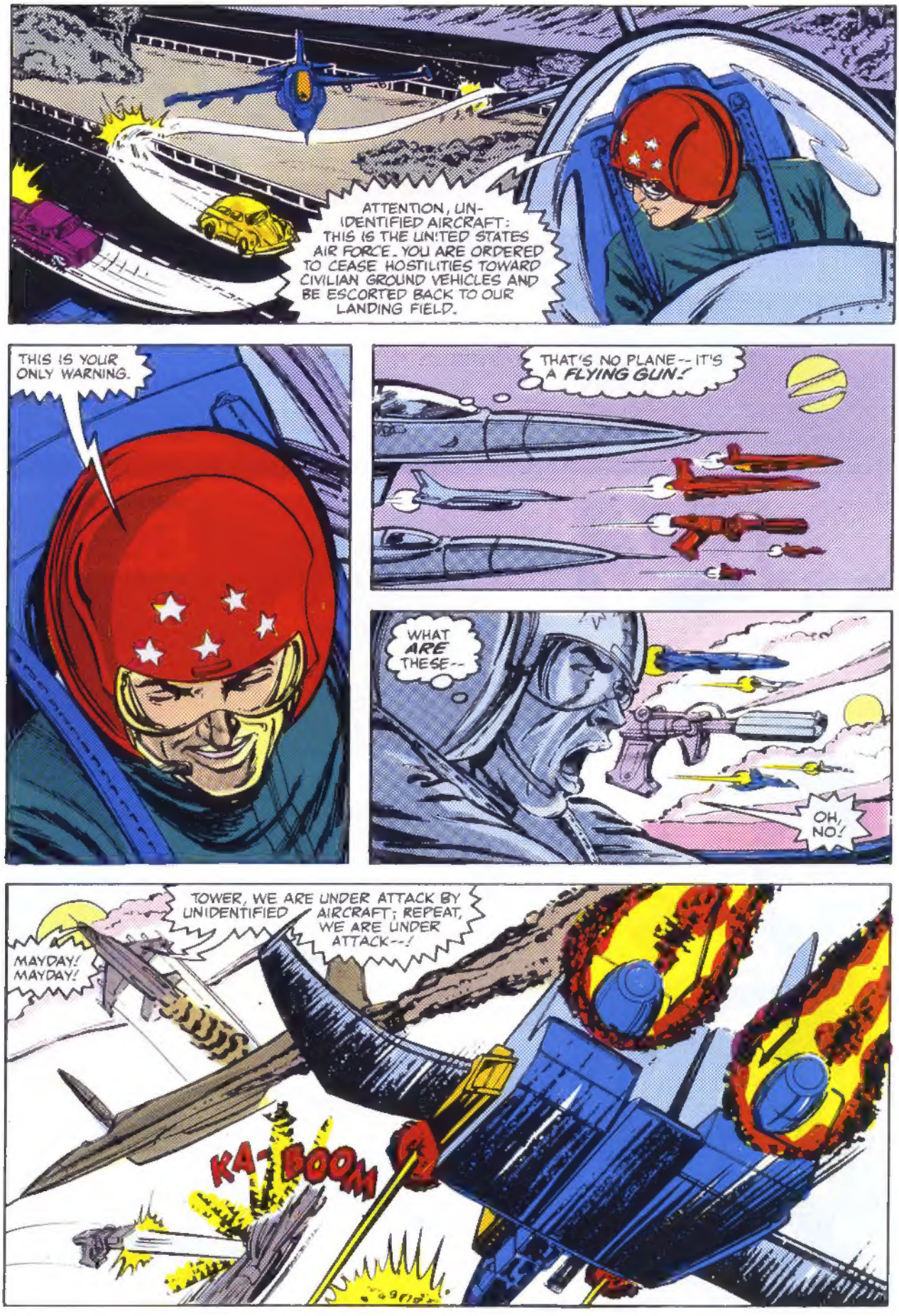
WHOOSH
WOOP WOOP WOOP

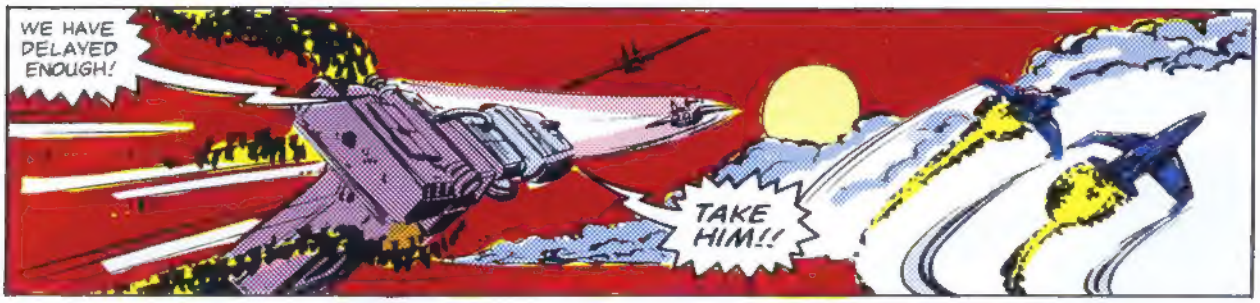

RUMBARRR
HEY!

MEANWHILE, AT A NEARBY USAF INSTALLATION
WE'VE GOT FIVE UNIDENTIFIED BOGEYS IN OUR AIRSPACE AND YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT THEY DON'T CONFORM TO EITHER AMERICAN OR SOVIET DESIGN?
THEN WHERE IN TARNATION ARE THEY COMING FROM?
UH... I DON'T KNOW SIR
BLAST! I WANT THOSE F-16'S SCRAMBLED AND IN THE AIR IN 30 SECONDS!

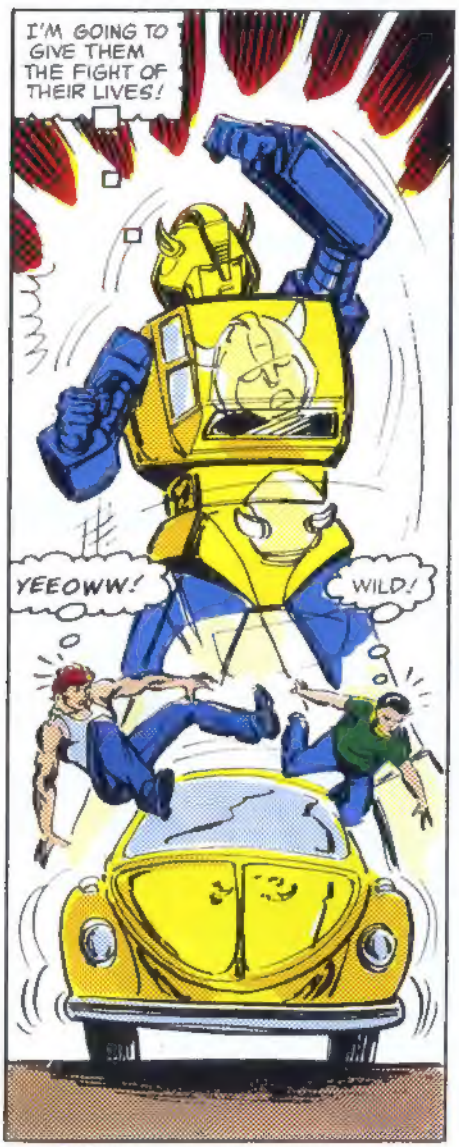
INTERCEPT BOGEYS HEADING NORTH-NORTHWEST BEARING 575 MARK NINER, OVER.
575 MARK NINER WE COPY, TOWER.
WHATEVER THEY ARE, WE'LL HANDLE 'EM.

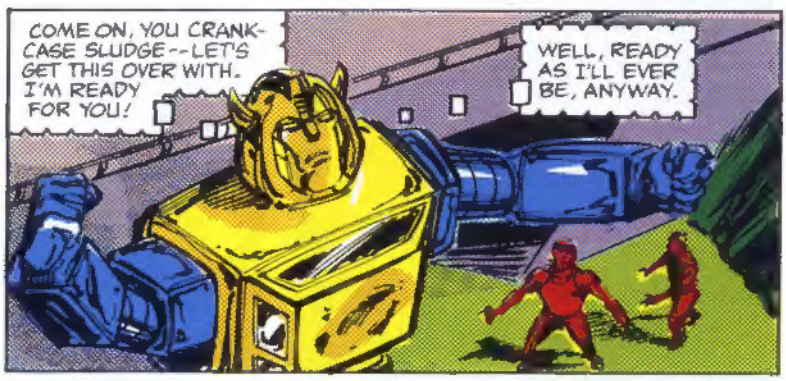

BOGEYS HAVE ASSUMED NEW COURSE, BEARING 735 STROKE 4, OVER.
ROGER, TOWER. WE COPY. ASSUMING NEW COURSE.
THAT'S IT! THAT MUST BE THEM!
ATTENTION ALL UNITS: THE HUMANS HAVE SPOTTED DECEPTICON ACTIVITY APPROXIMATELY 23 MILES NORTH OF THE HUMAN CITY, BEARING NORTHWEST, 735 STROKE 4.
RENDEZVOUS AND CONVERGE ON THIS AREA.
QUICKLY! THERE MAY YET BE TIME TO SAVE BUMBLEBEE!
HOW DO I GET MYSELF INTO THESE THINGS?
AIRCRAFT? WHAT THE--?
SQUEEL
CHUK
CRASH
DESPERATE SITUATIONS REQUIRE DESPERATE MANEUVERS!
CH!
WALDO, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT DRIVING?

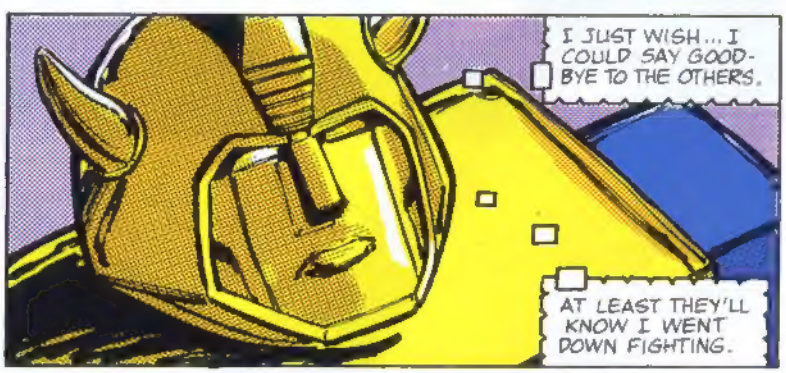

ATTENTION, UN-IDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT: THIS IS THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. YOU ARE ORDERED TO CEASE HOSTILITIES TOWARD CIVILIAN GROUND VEHICLES AND BE ESCORTED BACK TO OUR LANDING FIELD.
THIS IS YOUR ONLY WARNING.
THAT'S NO PLANE -- IT'S A FLYING GUN!
WHAT ARE THESE--
OH, NO!
MAYDAY! MAYDAY!
TOWER, WE ARE UNDER ATTACK BY UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT; REPEAT, WE ARE UNDER ATTACK--!
KA-BOOM

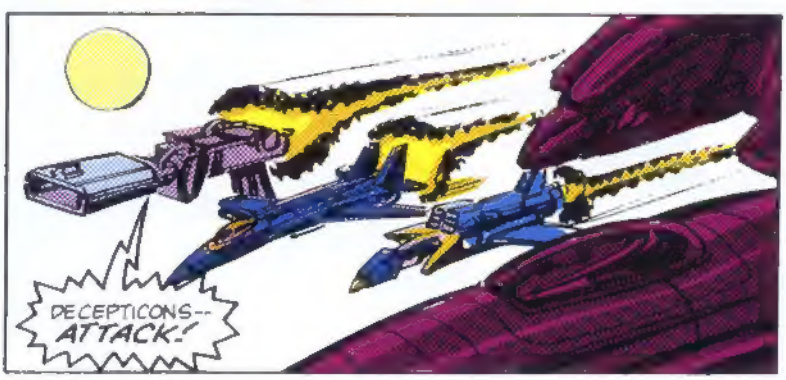

WE HAVE DELAYED ENOUGH!
TAKE HIM!!

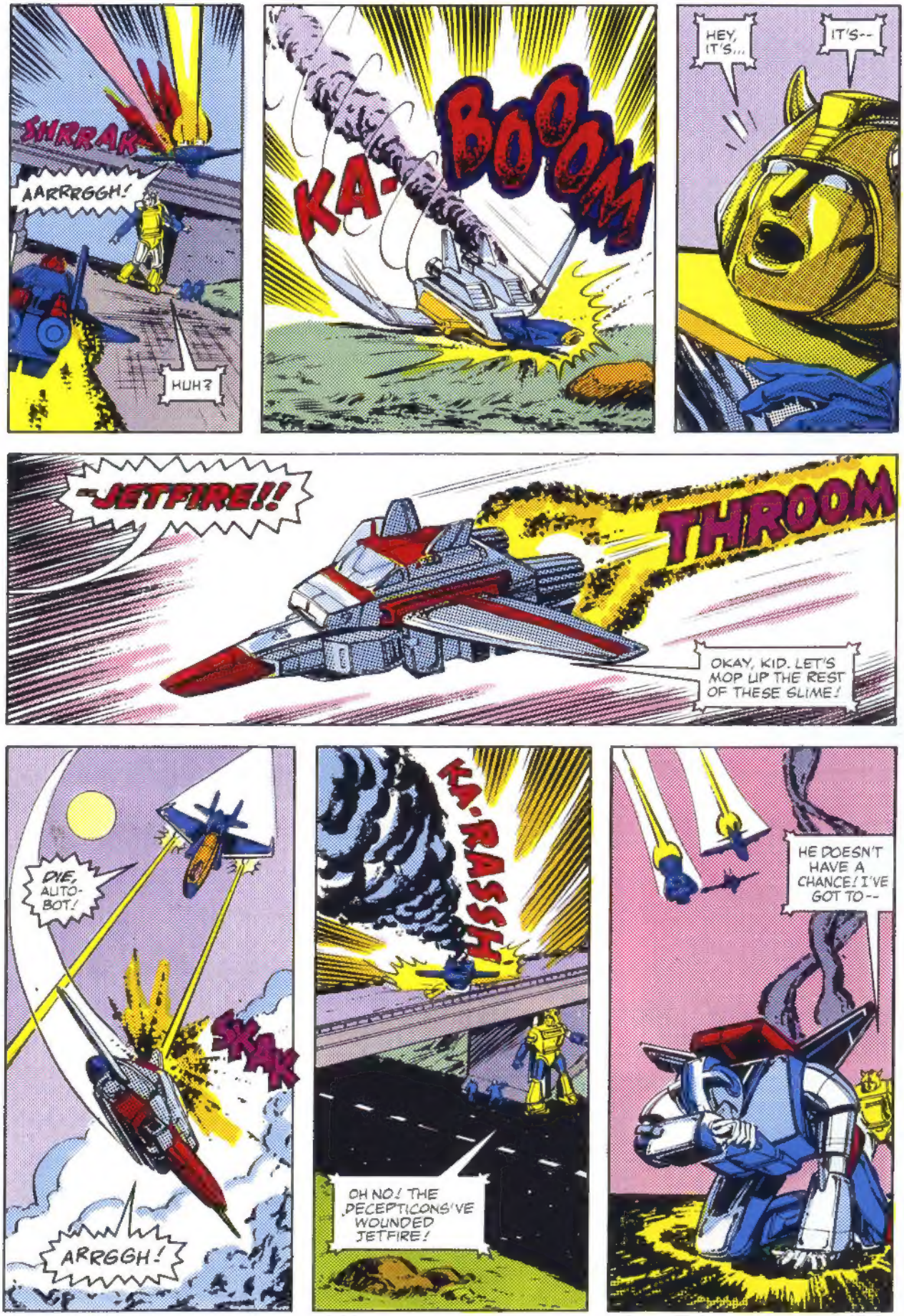
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS IT. I CAN'T RUN ANY FARTHER.
WELL, BY THE MATRIX, I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM!

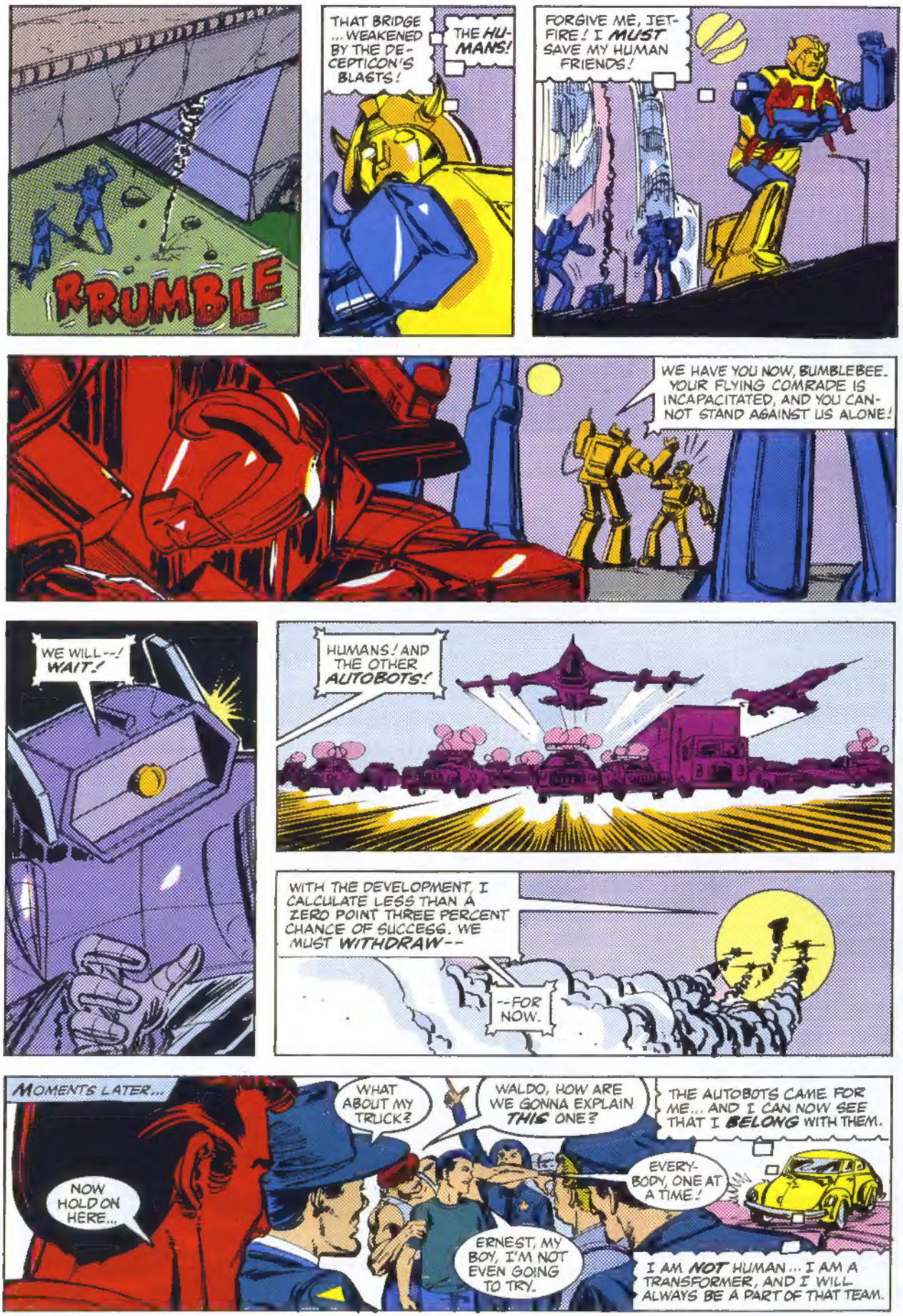

I'M GOING TO GIVE THEM THE FIGHT OF THEIR LIVES!
YEEOWW!
WILD!


COME ON, YOU CRANK-CASE SLUDGE--LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH. I'M READY FOR YOU!
WELL, READY AS I'LL EVER BE, ANYWAY.


I JUST WISH... I COULD SAY GOOD-BYE TO THE OTHERS.
AT LEAST THEY'LL KNOW I WENT DOWN FIGHTING.


DECEPTICONS--ATTACK!


SHRRAK
AARRRGGH!
HUH?
KA-BOOM
HEY, IT'S...
IT'S--
JETFIRE!!
THROOM
OKAY, KID. LET'S MOP UP THE REST OF THESE SLIME!
DIE, AUTO-BOT!
SKAK
ARRGGH!
KA-RASSH
OH NO! THE DECEPTICONS'VE WOUNDED JETFIRE!
HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE! I'VE GOT TO--


RRUMBLE
THAT BRIDGE ...WEAKENED BY THE DE-CEPTICON'S BLASTS!
THE HU-MANS!
FORGIVE ME, JET-FIRE! I MUST SAVE MY HUMAN FRIENDS!
WE HAVE YOU NOW, BUMBLEBEE. YOUR FLYING COMRADE IS INCAPACITATED, AND YOU CAN-NOT STAND AGAINST US ALONE!
WE WILL--! WAIT!
HUMANS! AND THE OTHER AUTOBOTS!
WITH THE DEVELOPMENT, I CALCULATE LESS THAN A ZERO POINT THREE PERCENT CHANCE OF SUCCESS. WE MUST WITHDRAW--
--FOR NOW.
MOMENTS LATER...
NOW HOLD ON HERE...
WHAT ABOUT MY TRUCK?
WALDO, HOW ARE WE GONNA EXPLAIN THIS ONE?
ERNEST, MY BOY, I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO TRY.
THE AUTOBOTS CAME FOR ME... AND I CAN NOW SEE THAT I BELONG WITH THEM.
EVERY-BODY, ONE AT A TIME!
I AM NOT HUMAN... I AM A TRANSFORMER, AND I WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF THAT TEAM.

THE END